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MANILA FOR ADB

FOR NAC AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB HIGHWAY PROJECT LOAN (THAILAND)

REF: A. MANILA 7955 B. STATE 119795

1. POST CONCURS WITH CONCEPTS AND OBJECTIVES EXPRESSED IN REF A FOR SUBJECT PROJECT AND RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY NAC AGENCIES.

2. THE RTG OBTAINED ADVANCE PERMISSION IN AUG 1973 FROM ADB TO REQUEST PROPOSALS BEFORE RPT BEFORE LOAN WAS FINALIZED. THE RTG SELECTED SIX FIRMS TO SUBMIT ENGINEERING PROPOSALS:

1. DE LEUW CATHER, USA
2. KAMPSAX, DENMARK
3. N.D. LEA ASSOCIA ES, CANADA
4. NORCONSULT, NORWAY
5. SAUTI, ITALY
6. NIPPON KAI SAI, JAPAN

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3. LT. COL. PRATHOM BURANASIRI, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FOR THE RTG

HIGHWAY DEPT INFORMED EMBOFF THAT THE ENGINEERING AWARD FOR THE BANG NA-BANG PAKONG PORTION MAY BE MADE IN JULY 1974 AND THE ENGINEERING STUDY COMPLETED IN MAY 1975. INTERNATIONAL BIDDING WILL THEN BE INVITED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL PROBABLY BEGIN IN MARCH 1976. HE SAID THAT A DETAILED ENGINEERING STUDY HAS BEEN MADE ON THE SIRACHA-BANG LAMUNG PORTION BY KAMPSAX OF DENMARK AND THE HIGHWAY DEPT IS NEGOTIATING WITH KAMPSAX FOR ENGINEERING SUPERVISION SERVICES. INVITATIONS FOR INT'L. BIDDING ON CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED FOR AUG 1975.

4. TWO US-BASED ENGINEERING COMPANIES WITH OFFICES IN BANGKOK EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT TO EMBOFF REGARDING ADB POLICY OF SELECTING ONLY ONE ENGINEERING COMPANY FROM EACH COMPETING COUNTRY. THIS POLICY, ACCORDING TO INFORMANTS, RESTRICTS COMPETITION BECAUSE THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE AMERICAN ENGINEERING COMPANY IN A COUNTRY WHICH IS VERY WELL QUALIFIED TO COMPETE ON A PROJECT. THEY FEEL COMPETITION BETWEEN THE BEST QUALIFIED ENGINEERING COMPANIES, BUT NOT NECESSARILY FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, COULD RESULT IN A BETTER END PRODUCT FOR THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY.
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